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### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

**Budget Hearing.** Executive Director Karen Misjak and Commission Chairperson Janet Adams presented the College Student Aid Commission's budget request for FY 2019 as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#).

**Commissioners' Request.** Chairperson Adams noted that the Commission members are asking the Governor to consider three variations from the agency's official budget request:

- An increase of \$454,000 for the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program; the agency's request for this budget unit is no change from estimated FY 2018.
- An increase of \$2,600 for general administration; the agency's request is no change from estimated FY 2018.
- Reinstatement of the statutory standing appropriation of \$1.3 million for the Iowa College Work-Study Program; the agency's request does not include funding for this Program. The Program was last funded in FY 2009 at \$980,000.

**Executive Director's Salary.** Chairperson Adams also noted that the Commission members are concerned that the Executive Director's salary is not adequate. She is setting up a meeting with the Department of Management and members of the Governor's staff to discuss the issue.

**Discussion.** Following the presentation, Governor Kim Reynolds spoke of the importance of the Commission programs and the need to improve Iowa's workforce. The Governor asked which programs are aimed at students training for high-demand jobs. Executive Director Misjak noted that the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant and the Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant fit that description. Linda Fandel, Special Assistant for Education to the Governor, clarified that the Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant is not restricted to high-demand jobs but covers students attending community colleges, where job training is a major focus.

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